

REMARKS

As a result of this amendment, claims 1-9, 14-15, 17, 19-50, 52-63 are now pending in this application. Of these, claims 1-9, 14-15, 17, 19-50, 52-61 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 or §103.

A detailed response to these rejections follows. However, Applicant reserves all applicable rights not expressly exercised in connection with this response, including, for example, the right to swear behind one or more cited references and the right to rebut characterizations of the references and asserted combinations or motives for combination. Applicant makes no admissions regarding the prior art status of any of the cited references.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes that in addition to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this amendment, applicant filed additional statements electronically. Applicant requests respectfully that the Examiner acknowledge receipt and consideration of these in the next official communication.

Response to §102 Rejections

In the Action, the Examiner rejected claims 50-53 and 55-61 under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Sotomayor (U.S. 5,708,825) . (The Action mistakenly equated Sotomayor with U.S. Patent 5,943,496 , which is entitled METHODS FOR DEVELOPING AND INSTANTIATING OBJECT CLASSES USING A JAVA VIRTUAL MACHINE EXTENSION.) In making the rejection, the Examiner cited Sotomayor text at col.4, lines 11-48 as meeting all the requirements of claims 50, 60, and 61. However, applicant carefully studied this portion of Sotomayor and determined that it does not meet all the requirements of these claims.

For example, the cited passage does not teach one of ordinary skill to “[generate]one or more hyperlinks, with each hyperlink associated with at least one of the marked portions and each hyperlink having a URL that includes at least a portion of one of the marked portions.” At best, the cited passage seems to report that “key topics, concepts and phrases” of a document are identified, that a summary of the document is created, and that portions of the document

containing the identified topics, concepts, and phrases are linked to pages of the summary via hyperlinks.

However, there is nothing in the cited passage describing the structure of these hyperlinks. Moreover, there is nothing in the passage even mentioning a URL. Thus, it does not appear that one of ordinary skill would regard the cited passage as meeting all the requirements of claims 50, 60, and 61.

Accordingly, applicant requests respectfully that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §102 rejection of claims 50, 60, and 61 and their dependents.

Response to §103 Rejections

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-9, 14-15, 17, 19-49 and 54 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Sotomayor in view of Rodkin. (U.S. 6,092,074).

In response, applicant submits respectfully that the Action fails to set forth a prima facie case of obviousness. For example, the Action fails to set forth a viable teaching or suggestion for combining the Sotomayor and Rodkin. The Action merely states without any objective evidentiary support that “it would have been obvious ... to combine the teachings of Rodkin with Sotomayor because it would have provided the capability for allowing a Web developer to automatically enter hyperlinks into a computer file, such as news article or other sequence of user-readable character strings.” However, Sotomayor already reports a capability of automatically inserting hyperlinks into documents, apparently without any restriction as to the type of computer file.

Thus, one of ordinary skill would have not been moved to combine Rodkin or Sotomayor to achieve this objective. Accordingly, applicant requests respectfully that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the §103 rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the amended claims and foregoing remarks, applicant requests respectfully that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections. Further, applicant invites the Examiner to telephone its patent counsel Eduardo Drake at 612-349-9593 to initiate an interview to resolve any issues which may delay allowance.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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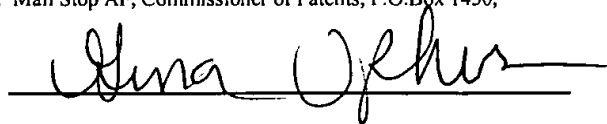
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